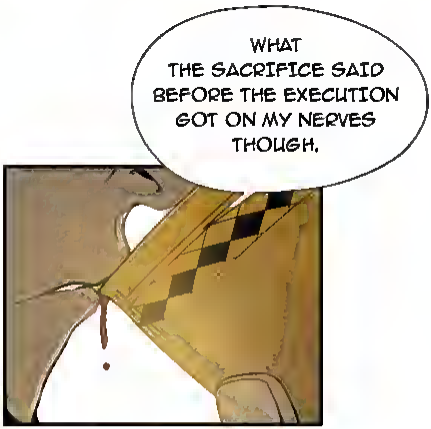
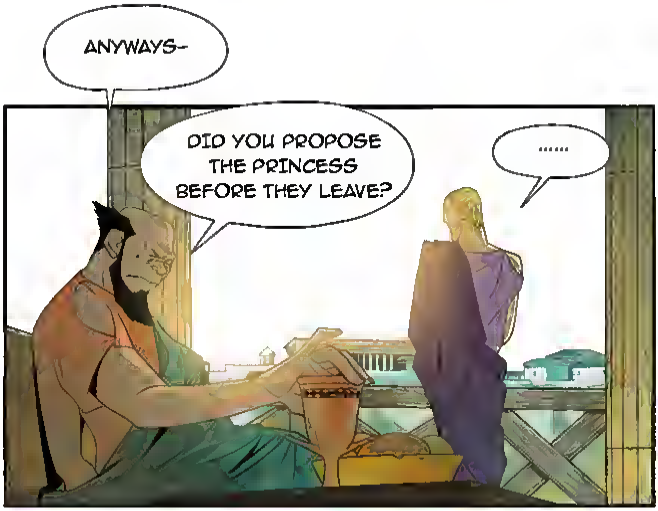
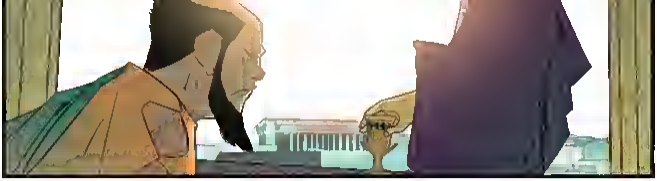
I THINK
THE FAREWELL EVENT
FOR PATHATOS
WENT WELL.


WHAT
THE SACRIFICE SAID
BEFORE THE EXECUTION
GOT ON MY NERVES
THOUGH.


ANYWAYS-
DID YOU PROPOSE THE PRINCESS BEFORE THEY LEAVE?
.....

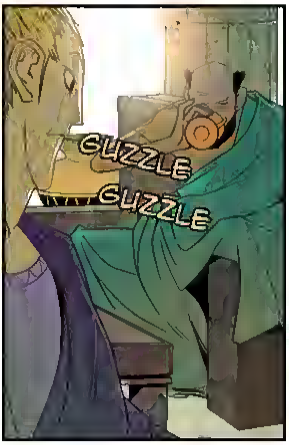
I DIDN'T.

WHY...
...DIDN'T YOU?
BECAUSE...
I CAN'T GET SOMEONE OUT OF MY HEART.



AND
I CAN'T GET RID OF
HER FROM MY HEART
NOW AND FOREVER.

GRAB


SIZZLE
SIZZLE

THUD

YADMON...

I DIDN'T KNOW
YOU HAVE
A ROMANTIC SIDE.

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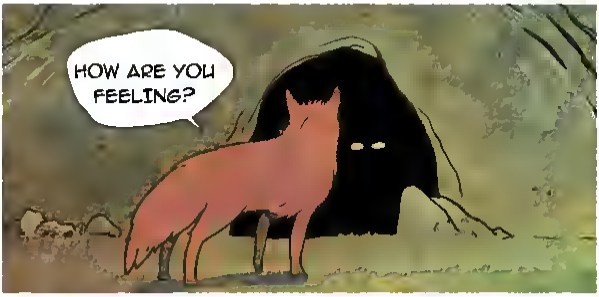
EPISODE 20

THE LION'S DEN (1)

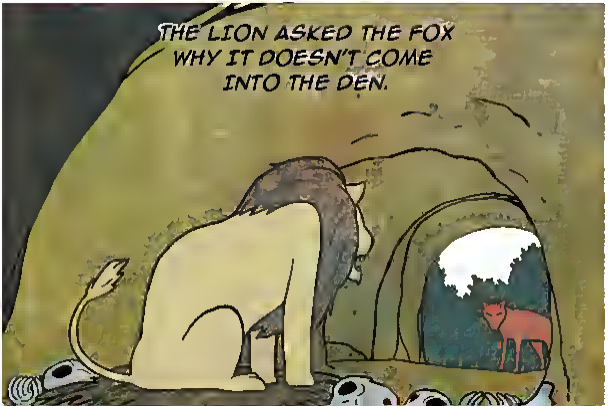
THERE WAS A LION
WHICH HAD GROWN SO OLD THAT
IT CAN NO LONGER CATCH A PREY.

SO, THE LION STAYED IN ITS DEN
PRETENDING TO BE SICK
AND FED ON THE ANIMALS
THAT CAME TO VISIT ITS DEN.

THEN, ONE DAY...

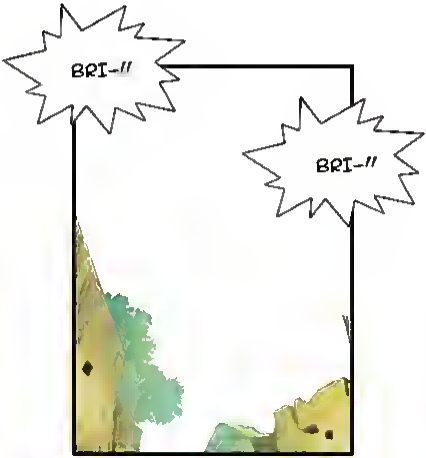


A FOX CAME IN AND TALKED TO THE LION IN FRONT OF THE DEN.



THE FOX ANSWERED.

COUGH
COUGH


BRI-!!
BRI-!!

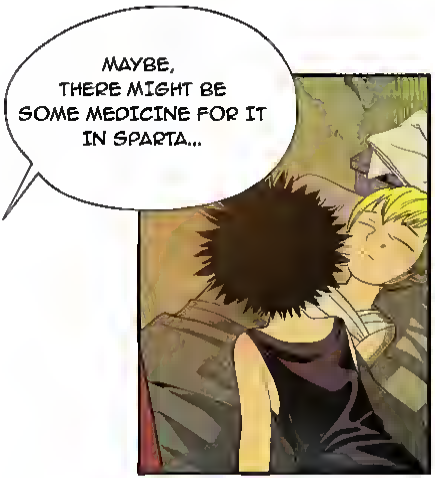
BANG
W.. WHAT HAPPENED?!!

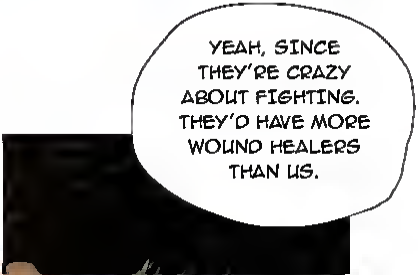
NO IDEA.
SOMEONE WHO WENT TO CUT FIREWOOD FOUND HIM ON THE MOUNTAIN. HE SAID THAT BRI PASSED OUT AFTER SAYING THAT HE LIVES HERE.
HUH, THIS BOY...

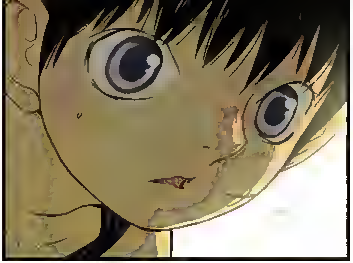
BRI!
WAKE UP!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
LEAVE HIM ALONE.
IT SEEMS THAT
HE WAS ATTACKED
BY A SAVAGE BEAST.

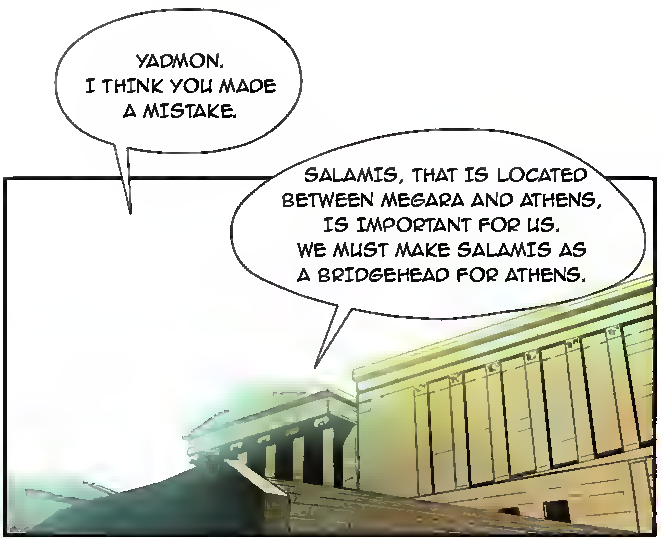
HE HAS A DEEP GASH
ON HIS BACK.
IF IT WAS AN INCH DEEPER,
HE'D HAVE DIED.

ALTHOUGH WE STOPPED THE BLEEDING WITH MEDICINE HERBS WE HAVE, HE MIGHT NOT ABLE TO RECOVER
THEY'RE NOT ENOUGH TO HEAL HIS WOUND
BRI...


MAYBE,
THERE MIGHT BE
SOME MEDICINE FOR IT
IN SPARTA...


YEAH, SINCE
THEY'RE CRAZY
ABOUT FIGHTING.
THEY'D HAVE MORE
WOUND HEALERS
THAN US.




YADMON.
I THINK YOU MADE A MISTAKE.
SALAMIS, THAT IS LOCATED BETWEEN MEGARA AND ATHENS, IS IMPORTANT FOR US.
WE MUST MAKE SALAMIS AS A BRIDGEHEAD FOR ATHENS.

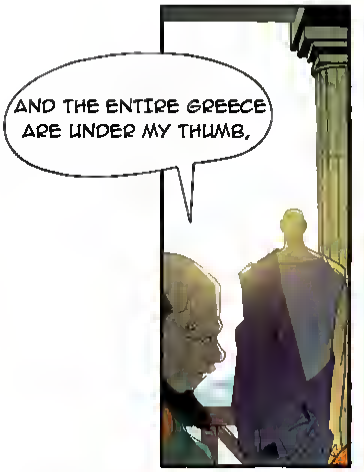
IF WE HAVE ATHENS UNDER OUR CONTROL, WE WILL GAIN SUPREMACY IN WHOLE GREECE.
THUD

CLACK
CLACK
AND IF WE SUCCEED TO OCCUPY SALAMIS UNDER MY LEAD..

MY POSITION IN ATHENS WILL BE REINFORCED.

CLACK
CLACK

IF ATHENS...
TAP


AND THE ENTIRE GREECE ARE UNDER MY THUMB.

IT'LL BE MUCH EASIER FOR YOU TO GET ATHENIAN CITIZENSHIP.

YOU KNOW THAT IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR AN OUTSIDER TO GET ATHENIAN CITIZENSHIP WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO GET IN POLITICS. DON'T YOU?

YADMON,
YOU WIN ATHENS
WHILE I WIN GREECE.

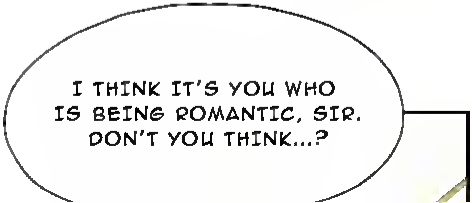
NEVERTHELESS,

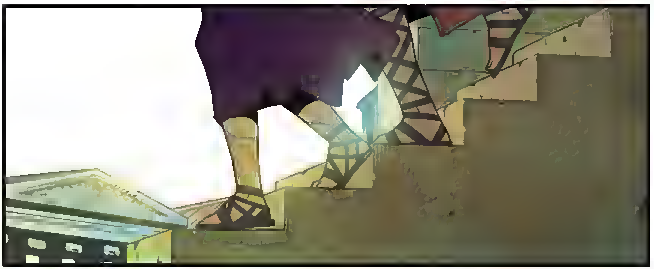
YOU'RE POURING COLD WATER ON MY GRAND PLANS BECAUSE OF A MERE MARRIAGE?

TIP
TAP
TIP
WELL...

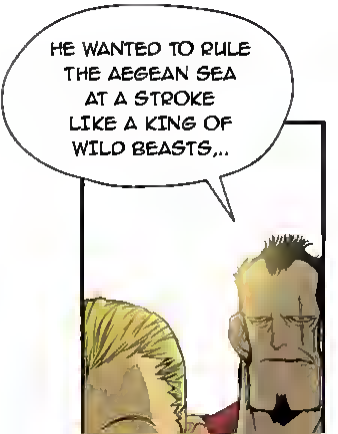
THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS TO REALIZE YOUR PLAN.

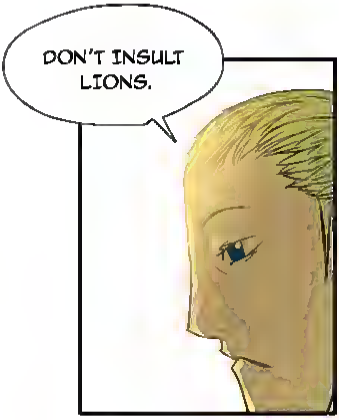
A MERE MARRIAGE, YOU SAY...


I THINK IT'S YOU WHO IS BEING ROMANTIC, SIR. DON'T YOU THINK...?



SIR DRAKON IS LIKE A LION.


HE WANTED TO RULE THE AEGEAN SEA AT A STROKE LIKE A KING OF WILD BEASTS,..


DON'T INSULT LIONS.

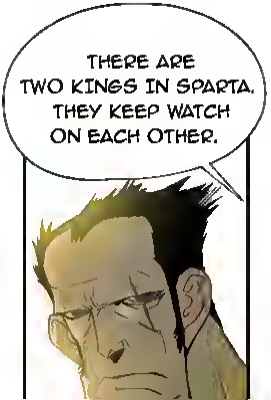
BEASTS STOP EATING WHEN THEY ARE FULL.

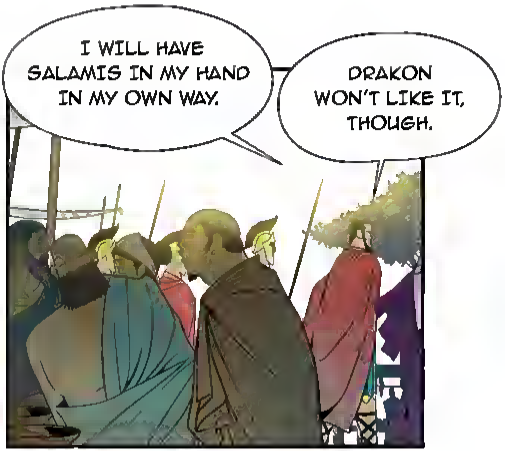
NOW... WHAT WILL YOU DO, SIR?
I'LL HAVE SALAMIS IN MY HAND. 'CAUSE DRAKON WANTS ME TO DO THAT, TOO.

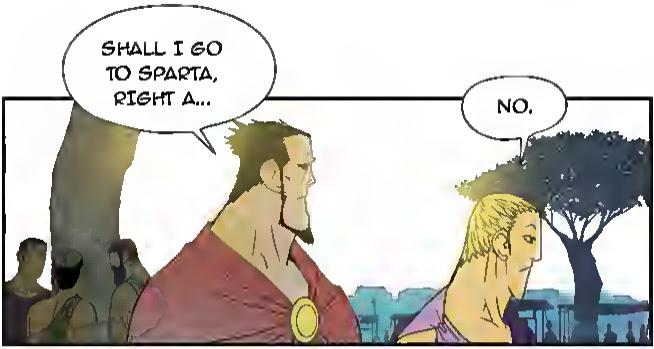
BUT
I MUST HAVE DRAKON
IN MY HAND AS WELL.

HE PROBABLY HAS
SENT AN EMISSARY
TO SPARTA.

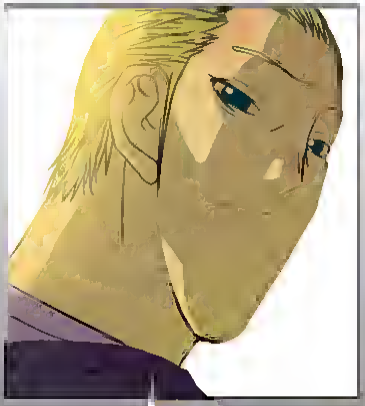
HE WOULD ASK THE KING OF SPARTA TO ATTACK MEGARA. WHILE THEY'RE AT WAR, ATHENS WILL SEIZE SALAMIS.
MEGARA
ATHENS
SALAMIS
SPARTA


THERE ARE TWO KINGS IN SPARTA. THEY KEEP WATCH ON EACH OTHER.

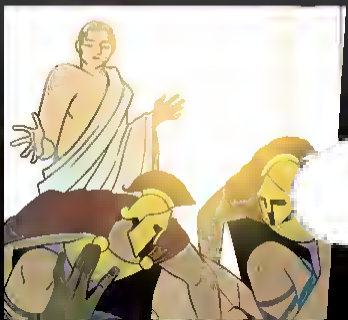

I WILL HAVE SALAMIS IN MY HAND IN MY OWN WAY.
DRAKON WON'T LIKE IT, THOUGH.


SHALL I GO TO SPARTA, RIGHT A...
NO.

THEN, I'LL FIND SOMEONE...
I NEED SOMEONE SMALL, FAST AND CLEVER. SO THAT NO ONE WOULD NOTICE HIM IN HERE OR SPARTA.



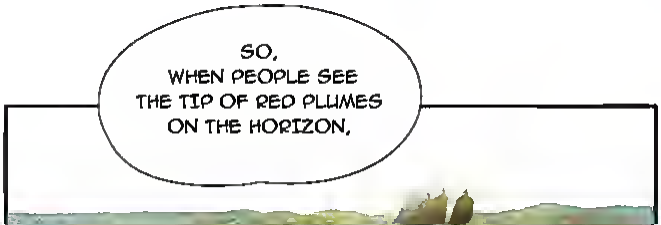
SOMEONE
NO ONE CARES
ABOUT...



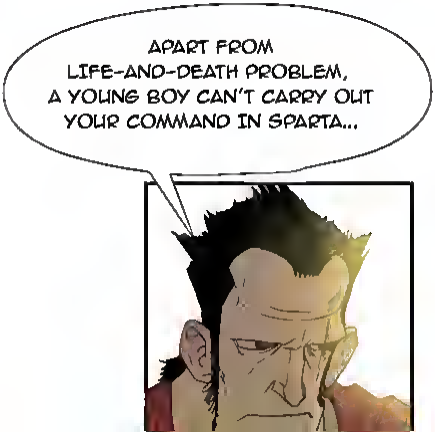
I HAVE A BOY
IN MIND.

AESOP.

SPARTAN SOLDIERS
IN THEIR HELMETS WITH
RED PLUME ARE NOTORIOUS
FOR BEING BRUTAL
AND COLD-BLOODED.


SO,
WHEN PEOPLE SEE
THE TIP OF RED PLUMES
ON THE HORIZON,

NOT ONLY KIDS,
BUT ALSO GROWN-UPS
WET THEMSELVES IN FEAR.

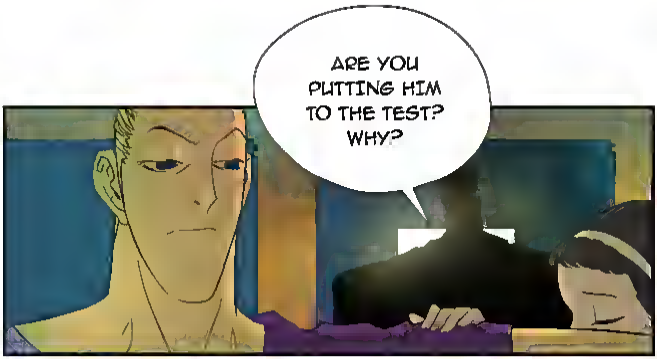

APART FROM
LIFE-AND-DEATH PROBLEM,
A YOUNG BOY CAN'T CARRY OUT
YOUR COMMAND IN SPARTA...

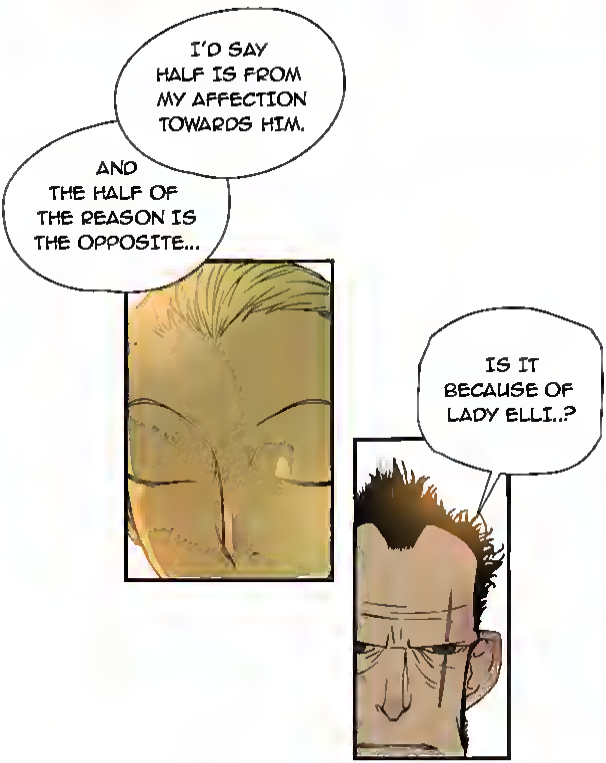
IF HE FAILS,
THERE'LL BE A GLITCH
IN YOUR PLAN.

SPARTA...

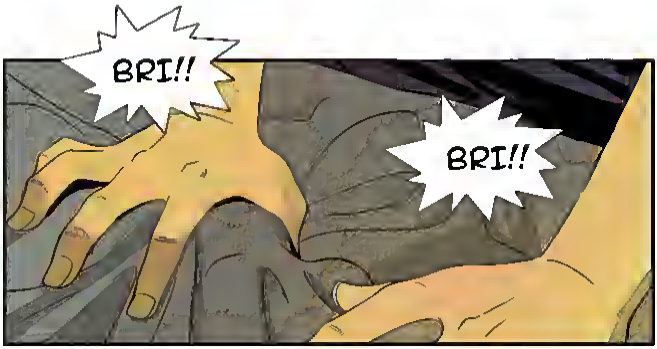
IT IS LIKE
A LION'S DEN.

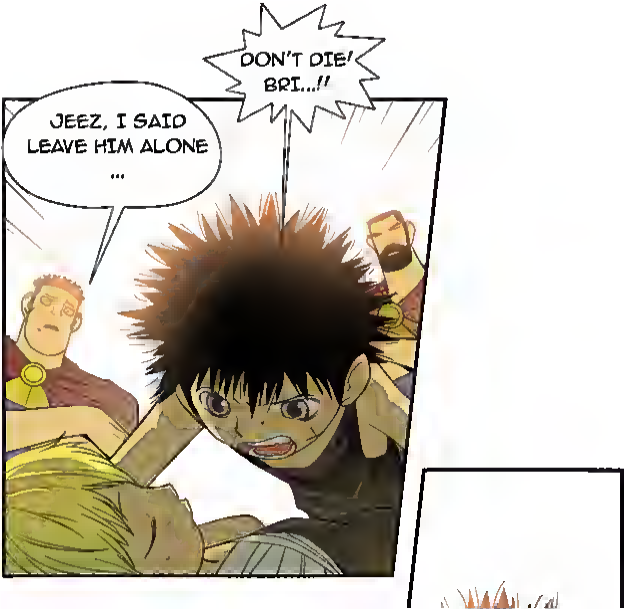
BUT,
IF THE BOY DOESN'T COME BACK ALIVE, IT WOULDN'T MATTER ANYWAY, BECAUSE IT WOULD MEAN THAT HE'S NOT AS SMART AS A FOX.
AND EVEN IF HE FAILS, IT'S ONLY A TINY GLITCH IN MY GRAND PLAN.

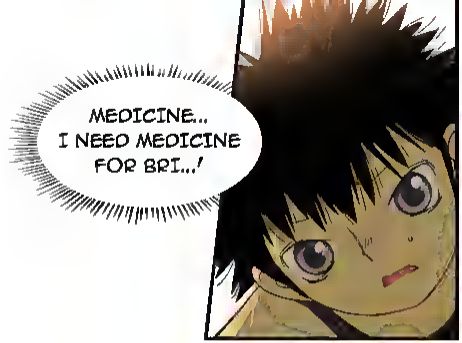

ARE YOU PUTTING HIM TO THE TEST? WHY?

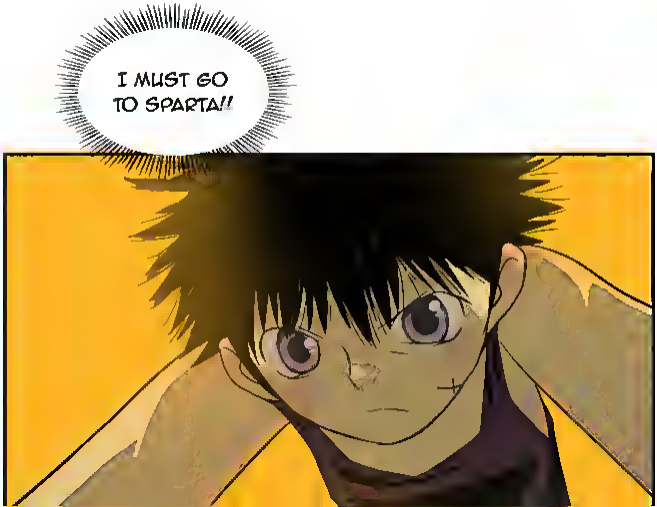

I'D SAY HALF IS FROM MY AFFECTION TOWARDS HIM.
AND THE HALF OF THE REASON IS THE OPPOSITE...
IS IT BECAUSE OF LADY ELLI..?

WELL...
EVERYBODY HAS
A BIT OF ROMANTIC SIDE,
DON'T THEY?


BRI!!
BRI!!


DON'T DIE! BRI...!!
JEEZ, I SAID LEAVE HIM ALONE ...


MEDICINE..
I NEED MEDICINE
FOR BRI..!


I MUST GO
TO SPARTA!!